

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

MATTHEW WHITFIELD,

Plaintiff,

v.

TURNING POINT THERAPEUTICS, INC.,
ATHENA M. COUNTOURIOTIS, MARK
ALLES, GARRY NICHOLSON, CAROL
GALLAGHER, PATRICK MACHADO,
BARBARA BODEM, and SIMEON
GEORGE,

Defendants.

Case No. _____

**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
OF 1934**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff, by his undersigned attorneys, for this complaint against defendants, alleges upon personal knowledge with respect to himself, and upon information and belief based upon, *inter alia*, the investigation of counsel as to all other allegations herein, as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. On June 3, 2022, Turning Point Therapeutics, Inc. (“Turning Point” or the “Company”) announced that it will be acquired by Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (“Parent”) and Rhumba Merger Sub, Inc. (“Purchaser”) (the “Proposed Transaction”).

2. On June 2, 2022, Turning Point’s Board of Directors (the “Board” or “Individual Defendants”) caused the Company to enter into an agreement and plan of merger (the “Merger Agreement”) with Parent and Purchaser. Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, Purchaser commenced a tender offer (the “Tender Offer”) to purchase all of Turning Point’s outstanding common stock for \$76.00 per share.

3. On June 17, 2022, defendants filed a recommendation statement (the “Recommendation Statement”) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) in connection with the Proposed Transaction.

4. The Recommendation Statement omits material information with respect to the Proposed Transaction, which renders the Recommendation Statement false and misleading, in violation of Sections 14(e), 14(d), and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. This Court has jurisdiction over all claims asserted herein pursuant to Section 27 of the Exchange Act because the claims asserted herein arise under Sections 14(e), 14(d), and 20(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 14a-9.

6. This Court has jurisdiction over defendants because each defendant is either a corporation that conducts business in and maintains operations within this District, or is an individual with sufficient minimum contacts with this District so as to make the exercise of jurisdiction by this Court permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

7. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a portion of the transactions and wrongs complained of herein occurred in this District.

PARTIES

8. Plaintiff is and has been continuously throughout all relevant times the owner of Turning Point common stock.

9. Defendant Turning Point is a Delaware corporation and maintains its principal executive offices at 106828 Science Center Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92121. Turning Point’s common stock trades on the NASDAQ, which is headquartered in New York, NY, under the ticker symbol “TPTX.”

10. Defendant Mark Alles is Chairperson of the Board of the Company.

11. Defendant Athena M. Countouriotis is President, Chief Executive Officer, and a director of the Company.

12. Defendant Garry Nicholson is a director of the Company.

13. Defendant Carol Gallagher is a director of the Company.

14. Defendant Patrick Machado is a director of the Company.

15. Defendant Barbara Bodem is a director of the Company.

16. Defendant Simeon George is a director of the Company.

17. The defendants identified in paragraphs 10 through 16 are collectively referred to herein as the “Individual Defendants.”

SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

18. Turning Point is a clinical-stage precision oncology company with a pipeline of investigational drugs designed to address key limitations of existing cancer therapies.

19. On June 2, 2022, Turning Point’s Board caused the Company to enter into the Merger Agreement.

20. Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, Purchaser commenced the Tender Offer to acquire all of Turning Point’s outstanding common stock for \$76.00 per share.

21. As stated in the press release announcing the Proposed Transaction:

Bristol Myers Squibb (NYSE:BMJ) and Turning Point Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ:TPTX) today announced a definitive merger agreement under which Bristol Myers Squibb will acquire Turning Point Therapeutics for \$76.00 per share. The transaction was unanimously approved by both the Bristol Myers Squibb and Turning Point Therapeutics Boards of Directors and is anticipated to close during the third quarter of 2022. . . .

Transaction Terms and Financing

Under the terms of the merger agreement, Bristol Myers Squibb will promptly commence a tender offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Turning Point Therapeutics' common stock at a price of \$76.00 per share in an all-cash transaction for a total consideration of \$4.1 billion in equity value. Turning Point Therapeutics' Board of Directors unanimously recommends that Turning Point Therapeutics shareholders tender their shares in the tender offer.

The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including the tender of a majority of the outstanding shares of Turning Point Therapeutics' common stock and the expiration or termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976. Following the successful closing of the tender offer, Bristol Myers Squibb will acquire all remaining shares of Turning Point Therapeutics that are not tendered into the tender offer through a second-step merger at the same price of \$76.00 per share.

Bristol Myers Squibb expects to finance the acquisition with cash on hand.

Advisors

Gordon Dyal & Co., LLC is serving as the exclusive financial advisor to Bristol Myers Squibb, and Kirkland & Ellis LLP is serving as legal counsel. Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC is serving as the exclusive financial advisor to Turning Point Therapeutics, and Cooley LLP is serving as legal counsel.

22. Defendants filed the Recommendation Statement with the SEC in connection with the Proposed Transaction, which omits material information.

Financial Projections

23. The Recommendation Statement omits material information regarding Turning Point's financial projections, specifically: the line items underlying the financial projections.

24. The disclosure of projected financial information is material because it provides stockholders with a basis to project the future financial performance of a company, and allows stockholders to better understand the financial analyses performed by the company's financial advisor in support of its fairness opinion.

Financial Analyses

25. The Recommendation Statement omits material information regarding the financial analyses conducted by Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC (“Goldman Sachs”). When a banker’s endorsement of the fairness of a transaction is touted to shareholders, the valuation methods used to arrive at that opinion as well as the key inputs and range of ultimate values generated by those analyses must also be fairly disclosed.

26. Regarding Goldman Sachs’ Illustrative Discounted Cash Flow Analysis, the Recommendation Statement fails to disclose: (i) the inputs and assumptions underlying the discount rates and perpetuity growth rates utilized by Goldman Sachs; (ii) the number of fully diluted shares utilized by Goldman Sachs; and (iii) the net cash balance utilized by Goldman Sachs.

Background of the Proposed Transaction

27. The Recommendation Statement fails to disclose whether Turning Point signed any NDAs containing don’t ask, don’t waive provisions.

COUNT I

(Claim for Violation of Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act Against Defendants)

28. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the preceding allegations as if fully set forth herein.

29. Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act states, in relevant part, that:

It shall be unlawful for any person to make any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading . . . in connection with any tender offer or request or invitation for tenders[.]

30. Defendants disseminated the misleading Recommendation Statement, which contained statements that, in violation of Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

31. The Recommendation Statement was prepared, reviewed, and/or disseminated by defendants.

32. The Recommendation Statement misrepresented and/or omitted material facts in connection with the Proposed Transaction as set forth above.

33. By virtue of their positions within the Company and/or roles in the process and the preparation of the Recommendation Statement, defendants were aware of this information and their duty to disclose this information in the Recommendation Statement.

34. The omissions in the Recommendation Statement are material in that a reasonable shareholder will consider them important in deciding whether to tender their shares in connection with the Proposed Transaction. In addition, a reasonable investor will view a full and accurate disclosure as significantly altering the total mix of information made available.

35. Defendants knowingly or with deliberate recklessness omitted the material information identified above in the Recommendation Statement, causing statements therein to be materially incomplete and misleading.

36. By reason of the foregoing, defendants violated Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act.

37. Because of the false and misleading statements in the Recommendation Statement, plaintiff is threatened with irreparable harm.

38. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT II

(Claim for Violation of 14(d) of the Exchange Act Against Defendants)

39. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the preceding allegations as if fully set forth herein.

40. Section 14(d)(4) of the Exchange Act states:

Any solicitation or recommendation to the holders of such a security to accept or reject a tender offer or request or invitation for tenders shall be made in accordance

with such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

41. Rule 14d-9(d) states, in relevant part:

Any solicitation or recommendation to holders of a class of securities referred to in section 14(d)(1) of the Act with respect to a tender offer for such securities shall include the name of the person making such solicitation or recommendation and the information required by Items 1 through 8 of Schedule 14D-9 (§ 240.14d-101) or a fair and adequate summary thereof[.]

Item 8 requires that directors must “furnish such additional information, if any, as may be necessary to make the required statements, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not materially misleading.”

42. The Recommendation Statement violates Section 14(d)(4) and Rule 14d-9 because it omits the material facts set forth above, which renders the Recommendation Statement false and/or misleading.

43. Defendants knowingly or with deliberate recklessness omitted the material information set forth above, causing statements therein to be materially incomplete and misleading.

44. The omissions in the Recommendation Statement are material to plaintiff, and he will be deprived of his entitlement to make a fully informed decision with respect to the Proposed Transaction if such misrepresentations and omissions are not corrected prior to the expiration of the Tender Offer.

45. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT III

(Claim for Violation of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act Against the Individual Defendants)

46. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the preceding allegations as if fully set forth herein.

47. The Individual Defendants acted as controlling persons of Turning Point within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act as alleged herein. By virtue of their positions as directors of Turning Point and participation in and/or awareness of the Company's operations and/or intimate knowledge of the false statements contained in the Recommendation Statement filed with the SEC, they had the power to influence and control and did influence and control, directly or indirectly, the decision making of the Company, including the content and dissemination of the various statements that plaintiff contends are false and misleading.

48. Each of the Individual Defendants was provided with or had unlimited access to copies of the Recommendation Statement alleged by plaintiff to be misleading prior to and/or shortly after these statements were issued and had the ability to prevent the issuance of the statements or cause them to be corrected.

49. Each of the Individual Defendants had direct and supervisory involvement in the day-to-day operations of the Company, and, therefore, is presumed to have had the power to control and influence the particular transactions giving rise to the violations as alleged herein, and exercised the same. The Recommendation Statement contains the unanimous recommendation of the Individual Defendants to approve the Proposed Transaction. They were thus directly connected with and involved in the making of the Recommendation Statement.

50. By virtue of the foregoing, the Individual Defendants violated Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

51. As set forth above, the Individual Defendants had the ability to exercise control over and did control a person or persons who have each violated Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act and Rule 14a-9, by their acts and omissions as alleged herein. By virtue of their positions as controlling persons, these defendants are liable pursuant to Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

52. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' conduct, plaintiff is threatened with irreparable harm.

53. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for judgment and relief as follows:

A. Enjoining defendants and all persons acting in concert with them from proceeding with, consummating, or closing the Proposed Transaction;

B. In the event defendants consummate the Proposed Transaction, rescinding it and setting it aside or awarding rescissory damages;

C. Directing the Individual Defendants to file a Recommendation Statement that does not contain any untrue statements of material fact and that states all material facts required in it or necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading;

D. Declaring that defendants violated Sections 14(e), 14(d), and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, as well as Rule 14a-9 promulgated thereunder;

E. Awarding plaintiff the costs of this action, including reasonable allowance for plaintiff's attorneys' and experts' fees; and

F. Granting such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

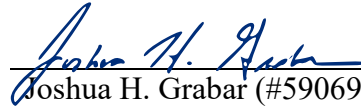
JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

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